

CLAIMS:

1. A wireless communication device comprising:
an alert;
a movement sensor capable of generating an electrical signal in response to the wireless communication device being moved;
an electrical circuit coupled to the alert, and the movement sensor, wherein the electrical circuit is adopted to receive wireless communicating signals, activate the alert in response receiving wireless communication signals, and mute the alert in response to the electrical signal generated by the movement sensor.
2. The wireless communication device according to claim 1 wherein:
the movement sensor comprises a speaker.
3. The wireless communication device according to claim 2 wherein:
the speaker comprises a voice coil, including at least one lead.
4. The wireless communication device according to claim 3 wherein:
the electrical circuit comprises a comparator including an output, and one or more inputs coupled to the at least one lead.

5. The wireless communication device according to claim 4 wherein the electrical circuit comprises:
 - a peak hold circuit coupled between the at least one lead and the comparator;
 - a microprocessor coupled to the output of the comparator; and
 - an alert driving circuit coupled to the microprocessor.
6. The wireless communication device according to claim 1 wherein:
 - the movement sensor comprises an accelerometer.
7. The wireless communication device according to claim 1 wherein:
 - the movement sensor comprises a shock sensor.
8. The wireless communication device according to claim 1 wherein:
 - the alert comprises an audible alert.

9. A method of operating a wireless communication device comprising:
receiving a wireless communication signal;
activating an alert in response to receiving the wireless communication signal;
detecting movement of the wireless communication device; and
in response to detecting movement of the wireless communication device,
muting the alert.
10. The method of operating a wireless communication device according to claim 9 wherein activating the alert comprises:
activating an audible alert.
11. The method of operating a wireless device according to claim 9 wherein:
detecting movement of the wireless communication device comprises:
comparing a signal level on a speaker coil lead to a threshold value.

12. A wireless communication device, comprising:
- a housing;
 - a user perceptible alert carried in the housing;
 - a detector carried in the housing, the detector for detecting a force; and
 - circuitry coupled to the detector and the alert, the circuitry operable to distinguish a predetermined force being detected by the detector, and selectively disabling the alert for a predetermined period responsive to the predetermined force being detected.